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**REMARKS**

1. Claims 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 48, 57 and 59-61 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-31, 33, 35, 39-41, 44-47, 49-56 and 58 have been canceled. None of the claims have been amended in response to the Final Rejection.
2. Claims 32-34, 36-38, 42, 43, 57, 59 and 61 were provisionally rejected under the judiciously created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4-7, 9, 10, 14, 23 and 24 of copending application no. 10/183,260. In addition, claims 32, 34, 36 and 37 were provisionally rejected under the judiciously created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of copending application no. 10/325,768. Further, claims 32, 34, 36-38, 59 and 60 were provisionally rejected under the judiciously created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3-6, 8-12, 14-17 and 20 of copending application no. 10/178,970. Applicant has attached a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321 (c) to overcome each of these provisional rejections.
3. Since all formal requirements appear to have been met, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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